

MAYOR RE-TELLS WATER ARGUMENT

Executive Explains to Rotarians Facts Regarding Proposition.

On numerous occasions in the last three years there has been a sufficient water supply in the city main to combat such a fire as recently destroyed Paris, Texas. Mayor Ed Overholser declared in a speech Tuesday night before the Oklahoma City Rotary club at the Skirvin hotel.

The mayor, at the invitation of the Rotarians, went over the ground previously covered by his argument of the proposition. That at least seven engineers of national reputation have declared the project feasible; it is an obvious fact that a visible, adequate water supply is urgently necessary, not only to preserve the health of Oklahoma City, but to protect it from fire and that the health of the city administration was pledged to a gratifying expenditure of every cent of the bond issue for the purpose for which the bonds were voted.

In the course of his speech Mayor Overholser answered the arguments of certain opponents of the water proposition, that plans and specifications have not been given out to the public. He stated that they would be distributed within a few days.

Porto Ricans Ask For Military Camp

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 8.—The federal commanding the Porto Rican regiment has been instructed by Washington to report on the advisability of establishing a military training camp. This action is a result of a request made by a number of Porto Ricans for such a camp.

TWO FINE GIVES HIM—The Owen arrested a pair of goats in the county court today to two charges. For robbing Deputy Sheriff J. W. Chandler he was sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined \$100, and for transporting liquor thirty days in jail and fined \$50. His parole on a former sentence was revoked by Judge Zwick. Owen has more than a year to serve in jail.

CITY REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WATER BONDS

Engineer McClure Takes Up Each Query and Gives Technical Answer.

DOUBT IS CLEARED AWAY FROM SEVERAL PROBLEMS

Minor Changes Would Be Effected If Considered Advisable.

City Engineer Guy C. McClure today gave out an official answer to the series of questions recently put to the city commissioners regarding the engineering and hydraulic problems involved in the construction of the new water supply and storage reservoir on which the city owns of Oklahoma City will vote May 20. The delay in answering was not due to a desire to withhold information, but because Mr. McClure was out of town, and several of the questions are technical in their nature. The questions and Mr. McClure's official reply are:

Q 1. Will the lower or main dam be built on the surface foundation, or piling driven to the bed rock or founded upon the bed rock itself?

A 1. The main or lower dam will be constructed upon a concrete footing, the top of which is on the average level of the surface of the ground and is composed of the following: A concrete drop or cut-off wall will be constructed across the entire width of the valley thirty feet in depth, which will extend down to a point 34 inches below the top of the bed rock, and this dam will rest upon concrete footings at right angles to the drop wall, 4 feet wide, 34 feet long, and ranging from 6 to 18 feet in depth, they in turn resting upon 12 feet piles with 16 inch tips, driven down to and penetrating the bed rock.

Dam's Total Height.

Q 2. What will be the total height of the main dam, its thickness at the base at the top?

A 2. The height of the dam, above the footings up to the top of the spillway, is 28 feet, and the type of dam contemplated is reinforced concrete slab construction 8 feet wide on the top, 11 feet wide at the base, with water side slab 12 inches thick, reinforced.

Q 3. What will be the length and height of the upper or settling reservoir dam? Of what materials will it be constructed?

A 3. The total length of the upper or diversion dam will be about 2,500 feet

and ranging in height from 10 to 38 feet, with a crown of 30 feet and slopes 2:1 on back side and 3:1 on water side, with all slopes and crowns grass-sodded. The elevation of the crown is 188, or 14 feet above the intake of the by-pass. This is an earthen dam, with an interlocking steel sheet-piling cut-off wall across the old channel.

Regarding the By-Pass.

Q 4. What will be the width and depth of the by-pass that conducts the flood water around the lower or main reservoir?

A 4. The by-pass will be 80 feet on the base, side slopes 1:1, and with a fall of 1.5 feet per mile.

Q 5. What will be the dimensions of the conduit that conveys the water from the lower reservoir to the settling tanks at the present waterworks plant?

A 5. Forty-two inches in diameter, with a fall of 16 feet and an estimated capacity of 17,000,000 gallons per day.

Q 6. Of what material will this conduit be constructed? Will it be open or covered?

A 6. The material contemplated to be used in the 42-inch conduit is continuous stave California red wood, laid on a true grade, covered, and with a valve at each end to control the flow.

Q 7. What is the estimated silt settling in each of the reservoirs? Amount per annum? What will be the estimated percolation and evaporation from the lower reservoir?

A 7. The average amount of silt settling in the upper reservoir is estimated to be approximately 16 inches per year, and on account of the control this trouble is virtually eliminated in the main reservoir. The question of percolation in the main reservoir. The estimated amount of evaporation, based upon the government data that is available, amounts to 48 to 50 inches per year. However, this question would not affect this proposition to anything like that extent, for the reason that, excepting a short period of time each year, the discharge of the river is more than enough to take care of this condition.

Enough For 340 Days.

Q 8. When the main reservoir is filled, how long will it last the city if no more is turned into it, the consumption being estimated at 12,000,000 gallons per day and allowing for seepage and evaporation?

A 8. Approximately 340 days.

Q 9. Will this plan be constructed along the lines that will be set out in answer to these questions, or will the commission change them if they deem it necessary?

A 9. The general details unquestionably will be followed. However, there are questions which may arise affecting the final plans that may make it advisable to make minor changes, and in such cases they would certainly be made.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RESIGNS—Henry Ford's new assembling plant in Oklahoma City has robbed the Longfellow ward school of its principal, D. T. Ferguson, who Monday resigned to accept an office position with the automobile company. Miss Dolie Hendry will assume the work of principal until the end of the present term.

SCHOOL FOLK RISE EARLIER—Just because the sun rises earlier in summer than in winter and just because some 15,000 kids in Oklahoma City are powerless to prevent it, henceforth until the end of the school term they will also rise earlier. Their new school classes at 8:30 instead of 9 o'clock in the morning and are dismissed at 2:15 instead of 3:45.

SHORT WEIGHT ALLEGED—Twelve and one-half pounds of sugar and one equal thirteen and one-half, Judge Loyd J. Miller ruled in municipal court Monday when the Postoffice greasers, 319 North Robinson, was fined \$5 and costs for misrepresenting weight in a sale. F. B. Roach, city weight and measures inspector, made the prosecution.

GIRLS CASE UP TO COURT—The freedom or imprisonment of Emma Hale, alias Gladys Gillette, rests with Justice of the Peace R. W. Maupin, stated court Attorney John Elmer in Monday. The girl is charged with implication in a highway robbery. Justice Maupin has not decided what action he will take. The girl's father, A. J. Gillette of Lawton, was in Oklahoma City in the interest of his daughter Monday.

NINE SPEEDERS ARRESTED—Nine Oklahoma City people were arrested Monday charged with pulling Barney Outfield starts with their cars on the streets of the city. The police are waging a clean-up campaign on violators of the city traffic law.

GUTHRIE WINS MEETING—It was decided at a meeting of Oklahoma peace officers to hold their next meeting at Guthrie in November. The date will be announced later.

LUTHERANS HEAR MAYOR—The Brotherhood of the English Lutheran church held a meeting Monday night. The water bond issue was discussed by many speakers. Mayor Overholser in an hour-and-a-half address, explained fully the bond proposition.

GRAVEYARD SILENCE—The traditional graveyard has nothing for quiet in the chamber of commerce and Oklahoma Traffic association's offices in the "joined" building, since Monday. Elmer E. Brown, secretary of the chamber, and W. E. Vance, assistant secretary, as well as W. A. Hardie, secretary of the traffic association, accompanied the trade extension excursion.

Dramatic and literary societies are preparing for a fitting observance next July of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Charlotte Cushman, one of the most distinguished of American actresses.

December is the wheat harvest month in New South Wales.

\$200 POSSIBLE PRICE FOR G. O. P. CONVENTION TICKETS; MOOSE \$10

CHICAGO, May 8.—The advisability of raising the price for speculators' seats at the republican national convention from \$25 to \$100 or perhaps \$200 was being considered Tuesday by the Chicago convention committee. This committee which guaranteed the \$100,000 fund that brought the convention to this city, has been allotted 2,000 tickets of admission to the convention and though these have been offered for sale for \$10 each the demand has far exceeded the supply.

Seats for the progressive convention which, like the republican, opens here June 7, are on sale at \$10 to \$25 each.

U. S. MAY WHEAT FORECAST SHOWS MILLION DECLINE

Production for Oklahoma in Close Race With Final 1915 Estimate.

OTHER CROPS HOLDING UP IN SPLENDID SHAPE

Country's Condition Generally Not Quite Up to Last Year's Stand.

A summary of the May crop report for the state of Oklahoma and for the United States, as compiled by the bureau of crop estimates (and transmitted through the weather bureau), U. S. department of agriculture, is as follows:

Winter Wheat.

Oklahoma—May 1 forecast, 32,200,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 36,540,000; two years ago, 47,575,000; 1909-11 average, 17,224,000 bushels.

United States—May 1 forecast, 439,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 655,945,000; two years ago, 644,980,000; 1909-13 average, 441,212,000 bushels.

Rye.

Oklahoma—May 1 forecast, 79,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 81,000; two years ago, 96,000 bushels.

United States—May 1 forecast, 41,300,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 49,190,000; two years ago, 42,770,000 bushels.

Meadows.

Oklahoma—May 1 condition 85, compared with the ten-year average of 88.

United States—May 1 condition 88.2 compared with the ten-year average of 85.3.

Pasture.

Oklahoma—May 1 condition 47, compared with the ten-year average of 47.

United States—May 1 condition 53.2 compared with the ten-year average of 55.3.

Spring Plowing.

Oklahoma—Per cent done to May 1, 1916, estimated at 81 per cent, compared with 82 May 1 last year and 84, the ten-year average.

United States—Per cent done to May 1, 1916, estimated at 70.4 per cent, compared with 78.3 per cent on May 1 last year and 68.6 the ten-year average.

Spring Planting.

Oklahoma—Per cent done to May 1, 1916, estimated 68 per cent, compared with 67 May 1 last year and 76, the ten-year average.

United States—Per cent done to May 1, 1916, estimated 56.7 per cent, compared with 62.3 per cent on May 1 last year and 53.3 the ten-year average.

Hay.

Oklahoma—1916 crop on farms May 1, estimated 149,000 tons, compared with 146,000 a year ago and 27,900 two years ago.

United States—1916 crop on farms May 1, estimated 1,600,000 tons, compared with 1,468,000 a year ago and 7,882,000 two years ago.

Prices.

The first price given below is the average on May 1 this year, and the second the average on May 1 last year.

Oklahoma—Wheat, 84 and 138 cents per bushel. Corn, 61 and 81, oats, 35 and 51, potatoes, 128 and 100. Hay, \$2.90 and \$5 per ton. Cotton, 1.5 and 8.5 cents per pound. Eggs, 16 and 14 cents per dozen.

United States—Wheat, 110 and \$1.34 per bushel. Corn, 22.3 and 27.7 cents. Oats, 42.6 and 24.4 cents. Potatoes, 94.8 and 60 cents. Hay, \$12.20 and \$11.82 per ton. Cotton, 11.5 and 8.5 cents per pound. Eggs, 18.1 and 17.1 cents per dozen.

ALL FORT SILL HEAVY GUNS TO GO TO BORDER

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Fort Sam Houston, where he would have the aid of his staff to dispose of the additional troops.

Aid Is Rushed to Langtry Detachment

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 8.—Half a company of the Nineteenth infantry left here early Tuesday to strengthen the detachment of the same regiment at Langtry, which is west of Del Rio and only twelve miles from the Mexican border. Orders for the movement came from General Funston at El Paso.

The troops were rushed to Langtry on the fast Sunset limited, which passes through here at 4:30 o'clock in the morning.

No explanation of the movement other than that Langtry is very close to the border and in need of protection was offered at headquarters.

Officers at department headquarters are waiting to ascertain whether the militia of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico has been called out at war or peace strength. If war strength is desired such infantry company will have about 150 men. The peace footing is 65 men to a company.

New Mexico's Force Ready in Day's Time

SANTA FE, N. M., May 8.—New Mexico's forces, comprising approximately 1,500 men, can be on their way to the border in twenty-four hours, according to a statement by Adjutant General Harry T. Herring, when informed of President Wilson's call.

Arizona Guard Ready Wednesday

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Houston Forces to Move in Five Hours

HOUSTON, Texas, May 8.—"The Houston cavalry, 140 men combined, are ready to move in five hours, equipped for service," said Major John K. Hoover, field officer of the Texas national guard.

Captain Dallas J. Matthews of the light guard is at Camp Mabey attending the militia's school of instruction for infantry officers.

Galveston Company Only Few Days Old

Galveston, Texas, May 8.—A company of the Third regiment, Texas National guard, was organized here only a few days ago, but is ready for service.

MEDICAL CASE TO JURY SOON

Attorneys for W. E. Gorchy in the \$25,000 damage suit instituted by Mrs. Minnie Burrus, stated today the defense will conclude the introduction of its testimony by tonight. Mrs. Burrus is suing Gorchy, a chiropractor, for damages to the neck of her husband. She alleges malpractice on his part.

W. W. Gillespie and Earl Thompson of Oklahoma City, and John O. Quinn of

Marlow, Okla., were defense witnesses called to the stand today. Gillespie, a truck farmer, said he had been cured of stomach trouble by Gorchy, a banker and merchant at Marlow, told of having his five-year-old daughter treated by regular physicians at Marlow, Fort Worth, Marlin, Texas, and other places. The child was afflicted with nervousness. He said one of the physicians had relieved his child of the affliction. He brought the girl to Gorchy, he said. After a few weeks' treatment, she was cured.

BANKER FAILS TO MAKE BOND.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 8.—George E. Chambers, former president of the Federal Bank and Trust company, San Antonio, was arraigned here late Monday on a fugitive warrant. His bond was set at \$5,000, which he was unable to furnish.

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